

REMARKS

Reconsideration and reversal of the rejections presented in the Office Action dated May 20, 2005 are respectfully requested in light of the following.

Claims 1-3, 6-14, and 20-22 are solicited, wherein claims 1, 6, and 20 are presented in independent form. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to better define and further distinguish the present invention over the cited references. Claims 4, 5, 15, and 16 have been canceled without prejudice, the applicant reserving the right to file continuations and divisionals directed to the subject matter contained therein.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 5 and 16, and the allowance of claims 20-22.

Claim 1 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of allowable claim 5. As such, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1, and the claims dependent therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

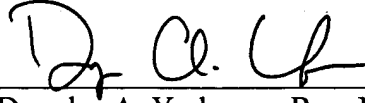
Claim 6 has been rewritten to include the subject matter of allowable claim 16. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claim 6, and the claims dependent therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the solicited claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's kind attention is directed to the accompanying request for an extension of time. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this amendment be charged to the account of Baker & Daniels, Deposit Account No. 02-0390.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below should any question or comment arise during reconsideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. A. Yerkeson', written over a horizontal line.

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